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Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections

Report of the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

In annex I, for the entry of Mexico, substitute the following text:

MEXICO

Request: In late May 1994, the Government requested technical assistance to national observers for the elections scheduled for 21 August 1994 and, prior to the elections, the preparation of an analytical report on the Mexican electoral system.

Action taken: In June 1994, the United Nations Technical Assistance Team in Mexico (ETONU-MEX), was established in Mexico City. ETONU-MEX was composed of a core team of 11 specialists based in Mexico City and 32 consultants based in every Mexican state.

ETONU-MEX provided assistance to 14 national non-governmental organizations, which mobilized approximately 30,000 observers. The support provided to non-governmental organizations cost $5 million, provided by the Government of Mexico and channelled through the United Nations Trust Fund for Electoral Observation. The technical assistance included electoral observation methodology; preparation of observer manuals; technical

support ranging from logistics manuals to the development of strategic plans and the organization of quick counts.

The analytical report on the electoral system was prepared in July by a team of senior international experts and presented to the Government by the Electoral Assistance Division on 11 August 1994.

A workshop was organized by the United Nations in Vera Cruz, Mexico, from 10 to 12 October 1994, in order to assess the lessons learned from technical assistance provided by ETONU-MEX. The Mexican electoral authorities and the observer groups participated in the workshop.